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Pfc. Edward deBree

Headquarters Battalion defensive backs Eugene Jones (left) and Kentrell Allen break up a play, Wednesday night at Pop Warner Field. Headquarters Battalion came from a 14-6 deficit to win the game, 21-14.

Gangway or sick bay



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Durante Jenkins, Headquarters Battalion Warriors fullback, stands proud after his quarterback took a knee and secured his team the victory Wednesday night over the MAG-24 Bandits.

Headquarters Battalion pushes MAG-24 to the side, becomes only undefeated intramural team

Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Sports Editor

In a come-from-behind 21-14 win, the only undefeated intramural football team, the Headquarters Battalion Warriors, knocked off the previously undefeated MAG-24 Bandits Wednesday night at Pop Warner Field.

Though the night started off on a bad note for Headquarters Battalion, the team collected themselves at the half and came onto the field with intent to shut down the Bandits.

"We talked about our mistakes at halftime, and we determined that every single person had to start doing their jobs, so we could come together as a team and pull out a win, and that's exactly what we did," said Warriors head coach, Avis Tolliver.

On their first possession of the game, Warriors

quarterback Gary Goss tried repeatedly to hook up with receiver John Washington, but the connection could not be established. As the Warriors went to punt the ball away, a bad snap resulted in a safety, and gave MAG-24 the first two points of the game.

On the Bandits' first possession, the trick plays were quickly brought to the table, but were unable to pierce through the Headquarters defensive line. After the punt, the Warriors were given their first good field position of the night but were penalized on the kick, dropping them back 10 yards to their own 20 where Goss would start the drive for the Warriors.

With no luck through the air on their first drive, their second was all on the ground, as Goss

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2005 Basketball Coaches' Clinic set for Saturday

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Sports Editor

The Hawaii Basketball Coaches' Clinic has another line-up of accomplished coaches for the 2005 coaches' clinic, scheduled for Saturday, at Damien Memorial High School gymnasium in Aiea, Hawaii.

According to Kailua Basketball Coach Chic Hess, the "basketball tip-off event of the year" will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"The theme for this year's clinic is 'Basketball from Far and Wide Comes to Oahu,' said Hess of the clinic.

According to Hess, the clinic will provide an opportunity to learn a wide variety of offensive and defensive ideas from coaches from Vermont, Kentucky, Illinois, North Carolina, Oregon, and the Big Island. The 2005 Hawaii Basketball Coaches' staff will feature Larry Doty from Linfield College in Oregon.

"Speakers will also include Coach Len Scaduto, University of Hawaii assistant coach; Kelly Wells, the new head basketball coach at Hawaii Pacific University; Maurice Maggolino, the new assistant basketball coach at Chaminade University; Jimmy Yagi, former coach at UH-Hilo; and Alan Lum, certified Positive Coaching Alliance teacher from Punahou," said Hess.

The teaching staff, who come from various and extensive backgrounds, will provide participants with ideas, drills, methods and techniques that they have used in their respective areas of the country, said Hess.

Door prizes will be given away, and registration is only available on-site. The cost is \$30, and is a tax-deductible event for basketball coaches.

To find out more about this event, or to attend, call Chic Hess at 263-3310, or send an e-mail to chichess@hawaii.rr.com



Petty Officer 1st Class Scott D. Vanderwyst

So you think you can hack it?

Marine Corps Recruiting Depot drill instructors run the Boot Camp Challenge 2005 in San Diego. Boot Camp Challenge is an annual event held during Fleet Week San Diego, consisting of 17 obstacles varying from jumps to tunnel crawls, giving approximately 3,000 participants the feeling of what Marine Corp recruits experience. Fleet Week San Diego is a three-week tribute to Southern California-area military members and their families.

BASE SPORTS

Saturday

USA Boxing Hits Kaneohe Bay — People will be bobbing and weaving their way to Kahuna’s Community Ballroom, Saturday, for USA Boxing Fight Night.

Although the first bell starts off the boxing at 7 p.m., the club will open at 6:30, so get there early and grab a ringside seat.

Between rounds and fights, Budweiser’s Bud Girls will hand out giveaways to the crowd.

Tickets are \$15 at the door, and food and beverages will be available. This event is open to all E-1 to E-5, equivalent DoD civilians and sponsored guests.

For all the fight facts, call 254-7660.

Friday

Intramural Softball Season to Begin — Swing by the ball field, Friday, for Intramural Softball.

The league is free to all active duty Marines, Sailors and DoD civilians, and dependants, 18 and older, who are stationed and living aboard MCB Hawaii.

“The league has become more competitive,” invited Joe Au, MCCS intramural sports coordinator. “Instead of two or three teams dominating, there are now six or seven teams that can win the league and tournament title,” he added. In the past few seasons, between 15 and 20 teams signed up. Headquarters Battalion, CSSG-3, VP-9 and 3rd Radio Battalion have all been strong teams in the past, said Au.

Get a team going by calling Joe at 254-7591.

Through October

Registration Deadline for John F. Kennedy 50-Mile Race — The John F. Kennedy 50-Mile Race will be held Nov. 19 in Hagerstown, Md.

An eight-person team will be selected to compete in the event. The top five finishers for the team count for the cumulative team time.

Marines interested in participating must submit applications, in accordance with Figure 3-4 of Marine Corps Order P1700-29, no later than Oct. 15. Resumes must contain: previous JFK 50-mile finishes, if com-

pleted; previous race finishes of 50 kilometers or longer within last two years; and any running experience that indicates the Marine’s ability to run in this race. Résumés are available at www.usmc-mccs.org/sports. Runners must submit their résumés through the MCCS Semper Fit Athletic office for endorsement.

For more information, call 254-7590 or e-mail david.litkenhus@usmc.mil.

Oct. 15

Youth Basketball League Now Registering — From now until the end of October, register your child for Youth Basketball. The season runs January through February 2006 and hosts leagues for ages 6 through 17.

Practice begins in December.

Registration fee is \$50 for Youth Activities Members and \$60 for non-members. A photocopy of a military ID or a birth certificate is needed for registration.

For further information, call YA at 254-7610 or 254-7611; or stop by Building 5082, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Youth Basketball Coaches Needed — Be a youth sports team mentor through Youth Activities sports programs. YA is looking for coaches for the Youth Basketball season that runs from November to February 2005.

If you are interested, call Youth Activities at 254-7610 or 254-7611.

Youth Activities Manana is also looking for volunteer coaches for their sports, fitness and recreational leagues.

To volunteer, call 456-1662.

Oct. 18 to 28

Fall Swim Lessons Session 2 — Join the Kaneohe Base Pool for Swim Lessons Session 2, for eight classes, held Tuesday through Friday for two weeks. The class costs \$35 and numerous lessons are available for all levels of instruction.

Call 254-7655 for details.

Ongoing

Football Hits K-Bay — Intramural Tackle Football Season has kicked off! Games begin at 6 p.m. at Kaneohe Bay’s Pop Warner Field and will run throughout the season on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

If you’re not playing, make a pass

by the field and support your unit’s team. Game-day concessions are always available.

For details, call 254-7591.

Commander’s Cup Bowling League — The Commander’s Cup Bowling League has kicked off, but it is still not too late to get your team registered.

The league runs Mondays at 6 p.m. until Jan. 9 at K-Bay Lanes. The weekly cost is \$8, and a one-time sanction fee of \$16 for men and \$15 for women applies.

For more information, call 254-7693.

Parents for Fitness — This cooperative babysitting effort is available at the Semper Fit Center for children 6 weeks and older.

All active duty service members and their families may participate.

For more information, call 291-9131.

Okinawa Kenpo Karate — Every Tuesday and Thursday, join MCCS Youth Activities’ contractor for Kenpo Karate Kobudo classes, held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Building 1391, located behind the old 7-Day Store.

Adults and children are welcome. Costs for classes are \$35 for adults, \$25 for children, and \$20 for additional family members.

For information, call MCCS Youth Activities at 254-7610.

Massage Therapy — Massage therapy, by certified massage thera-

pists, is available at Kaneohe Bay and Camp Smith.

Massage therapy will help relieve your mental and physical fatigue and improve overall circulation and body tone.

Choose from Shiatsu, Swedish, Lomi, deep-tissue and even hot-rock therapy.

For appointments, call the K-Bay Semper Fit Center at 254-7597 or Camp Smith at 477-5197 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Fishing Charters Available at MCB Hawaii — Spend the day aboard one of Bill Collector’s fishing charter boats.

For more information, stop by the Base Marina located in Building 1698, across from Hangar 101, or call 254-7666/7667.

Inexpensive, Fun Entertainment — Look no further for economical entertainment Mondays through Thursdays at the K-Bay Lanes where all E-1 to E-5 can receive free rental shoes and discounted games at only \$1.50.

For more information, call K-Bay Lanes at 254-7693.

Color Pin Special — Every Wednesday, when you roll a strike and a colored pin is in the headpin position, you can win up to three free games of bowling. All patrons are welcome to take advantage of this deal. If you

make the play, you win!

For more information, call the K-Bay Lanes at 254-7693.

Personal Trainers Available at Semper Fit — For those looking to get into a tailored exercise regimen, or for those just looking for some good advice on weight management and weight control, the Semper Fit Center offers free personal training consultation.

You can schedule an appointment with a trainer who will take body-fat measurements, blood-pressure and heart-rate readings.

They will do all this and tailor a program, based on your physical needs and ambitions.

For only \$5 per workout, a professional trainer will actually work with you to ensure maximum efficiency.

Pick up a personal training appointment card at the Semper Fit Center now, or call 254-7597.

Campground and Picnic Sites — For picnic and campsites, Marine Corps Base Hawaii offers some of the most scenic beaches on the island.

Three of those beaches, Pyramid Rock, Hale Koa and Fort Hase are available by reservation from dawn to dusk for picnics and parties. Hale Koa Beach may be reserved for overnight camping.

Reservations are required, call 254-7666 for Kaneohe or 477-5143 for Camp Smith.



WEEK 4 NFL PICKS WINNER

Cpl. Isaiah T. Sherman

DEERS clerk, Headquarters Battalion G-1

“When I make my picks, I first look for team tendencies. The next thing is to look for match-ups at key positions and to go along with any injuries the to teams may have. But sometimes I just ride a hunch and take a chance. Of course, it always helps to be a little lucky sometimes.”

Baltimore @ Detroit

Chicago @ Cleveland

Miami @ Buffalo

New England @ Atlanta

New Orleans @ Green Bay

Seattle @ St. Louis

Tampa Bay @ N.Y. Jets

Tennessee @ Houston

Indianapolis @ SF

Carolina @Arizona

Philadelphia @ Dallas

Washington @ Denver

Cincinnati @ Jacksonville

Pittsburgh @ San Diego

COMMUNITY SPORTS

Sunday Polo at Waimanalo

Gates open at 1 p.m., Sunday, with games kicking off at 2:30 p.m. for Colin Ogawa Memorial Cup play of the Honolulu Polo Club’s 2005 season at the polo fields across from Bellows Air Force Station. This is the final tournament of the season.

Cost is \$3, children 12 and younger are free. Event-goers with a military ID enter for free, as honored guests. The ponies will be available for children to visit after the matches.

For more information about the Honolulu Polo Club or upcoming matches, visit www.honoluluupolo.com.

HTMC Plans Kaimuki Hike

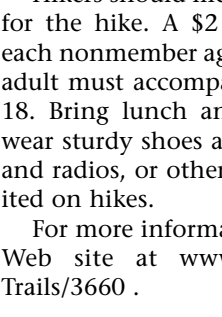
Sunday, join the Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club on a seven-mile hike.

There’s no need to go to the country to find a hike when it’s just steps away from town in Maunalani Heights, Kaimuki. Elevation gain is swift, there is some boulder hopping, and, in a relatively short time, the Koolau summit is within the hiker’s reach.

For more information, call coordinator Wil Kawano at 373-1492 or Justin Ohara, at 778-8629.

Hikers should meet at Iolani Palace at 8 a.m. for the hike. A \$2 donation is requested for each nonmember age 18 or older. A responsible adult must accompany children younger than 18. Bring lunch and water on all hikes and wear sturdy shoes and clothing. Firearms, pets and radios, or other audio devices, are prohibited on hikes.

For more information, check out the HTMC Web site at www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/3660.



State Offers Outdoor Education

The Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources is offering education classes to the public. Subjects covered include firearms and archery safety; survival and first aid; wildlife identification; and conservation, regulations, game care and outdoor responsibility.

Attendance at two sessions is required for certification. Classes, open to anyone 10 and older who enjoy the outdoors are ideal for hunters, campers, hikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts.

The next two-day session is Oct. 21 from

5:45 to 10 p.m. and Oct. 22 from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Classroom A-212A at the Nimitz Business Center, 1130 North Nimitz Hwy. Drive up the ramp to the classroom, which is the first room on the right. A picture ID is required for entry to the sessions.

For more information about outdoor education, or to sign up for this course, call 587-0200 or visit www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/welcome.html.

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

The mission of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Hawaii Affiliate is to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing education, screening, and treatment.

The 11th Annual Komen Hawaii Race for the Cure will take place Oct. 23 at 7 a.m. at Kapiolani Park and will consist of a five-kilometer run or a one-mile run/walk.

Participants can run or walk, individually or as part of a team. Team registration forms must be mailed in together. Individual entry fees, if postmarked by Oct. 15, are \$30 for untimed entries and \$35 for timed entries.

All participants will receive an official Komen Hawaii Race for the Cure T-shirt.

Sleep-in entry fees are \$25 for those not participating in the run/walk events, but will receive a race T-shirt and pillow case.

More than 500 breast-cancer survivors are expected to attend. There will be a survivor recognition ceremony prior to the race.

Breast-cancer survivors who wish to be recognized may pick up their complimentary pink cap and pink T-shirt at packet pickup.

All participants are invited to recognize special people who have been touched by breast cancer. “In memory of” or “in celebration of” back signs will be available at packet pickup and on race day.

A tribute wall will be available next to the survivor’s tent for you to post a picture and record a message to remember those who have lost their battle with breast cancer, or to honor those who continue to fight.

Up to 75 percent of the net proceeds from the race will go to fund local area breast-cancer education, screening and treatment programs and at least 25 percent will help fund the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation National Grant Program.



For more information call 754-1817, e-mail race@komenhawaii.org or visit www.komenhawaii.org/race.htm.

Haleiwa Triathlon

The Bikefactory will host the 6th Annual Haleiwa Triathlon, Oct. 30.

Athletes will race their way around the North Shore town by participating in a 400-yard swim inside Puaena Point, a 12-mile bike ride around Haleiwa and a three-mile run, racing one mile on the beach.

Racers can enter the elite division, age group divisions or military division. Relay teams of men, women, or mixed groups will also be allowed to enter.

Entry fees are \$70 for individuals or \$105 per team. Participants will receive a long-sleeve T-shirt. Entries must be postmarked by Oct. 15. Entry forms are available at the Bikefactory or online at www.hawaii.swim.com. Participants can also register online at www.active.com.

Kailua Beach 10K Run

Boca Hawaii will sponsor an early-morning run in Kailua, Nov. 6 at 6:30 a.m.

The Kailua Beach 10K Run is a measured 10-kilometer course that starts at Kailua Beach Park Pavilion parking lot and goes to Lanikai on the bike path. Runners continue twice around the Lanikai Loop, returning to the Kailua Beach Pavilion to finish line.

Random prizes to be drawn after the race, so runners should stick around and enjoy some post-race refreshments before heading off to the beach.

Entry fee is \$20 by Oct. 27. Participants can get an entry form online at www.bocahawaii.com or register at active.com.

Bellows Offers Adventure Programs

Whether you are spending a few weeks or just visiting for the day, check out any of the following weekly Bellows Outdoor Adventures programs on their Web site: www.bellowsafs.com.

For information, call the Turtle Cove office at 259-4112 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

•**Saturdays at 8 a.m., Morning Paddle:** Take the guided kayak tour to the Mokulua Islands, which offers the opportunity to see birds up close in their natural habitat. Cost is \$14. Advanced skill level is required.



•**Sundays at 8:30 a.m., History Tours by Bike:** Ride mountain bikes for an extensive seven-mile, three-hour, guided tour of Bellows Air Force Station. Wear closed-toe shoes. Cost is \$15 for bike and helmet rental.

•**Mondays at 8:30 a.m., Hike to Makapuu:** Take a moderate 2 1/2-mile round-trip hike to the Makapuu Lighthouse. Hikers will be rewarded with awesome views of Koko Crater, Diamond Head and Waimanalo Bay. Wear closed-toe shoes. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

•**Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 a.m., Snorkeling Tour:** Discover the magnificent underwater world of the ocean at a nearby undisturbed reef. Transportation, instruction and snorkeling equipment are included. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and younger.

•**Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m., Kayaking Lessons:** Master ocean-kayaking skills, including water safety and efficient paddling techniques in this two-hour class. The class is free with a day kayak rental.

•**Thursdays at 9 a.m., Beach 101:** See fascinating natural phenomena as you wade across seaweed-covered reef flats and rock tide pools.

This is an educational experience for the whole family. Be sure to wear comfortable footwear, a hat, swimsuit, sunscreen, and bring water. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

•**Thursdays at 8 a.m., Free Aloha Breakfast in the Recreation Center Lanai:** Find out about all the exciting programs and specials happening at Bellows. Enjoy a free continental breakfast and sign up to win door prizes.

•**Fridays at 1 p.m., Bodyboarding Lessons:** Learn how to catch and ride the waves. Free day rental of boogie board is included in the \$5 fee.

•**Miniature Golf:** One of the miniature golf courses on the island is the Bellows Mini-Golf Course. It is lighted and open for night play.

For more information, log on to their Web site at www.bellowsafs.com.

•**Driving Range:** Next to the mini-golf course is a driving range. Clubs and buckets of golf balls are available for rent.

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The Bottom Line

(Editor’s Note: “The Bottom Line” is the Hawaii Marine’s weekly sports commentary from two sports aficionados who rarely see eye-to-eye when it comes to America’s one true obsession — sports. Chances are you’ll either agree with one of their takes or disagree with both. The Hawaii Marine welcomes your e-mails of no more than 250 words. We will print the top comment of the week from our readers. Send “Readers Strike Back” comments to editor@hawaiimarine.com. Remember, “If you don’t speak up, you won’t be heard.”)

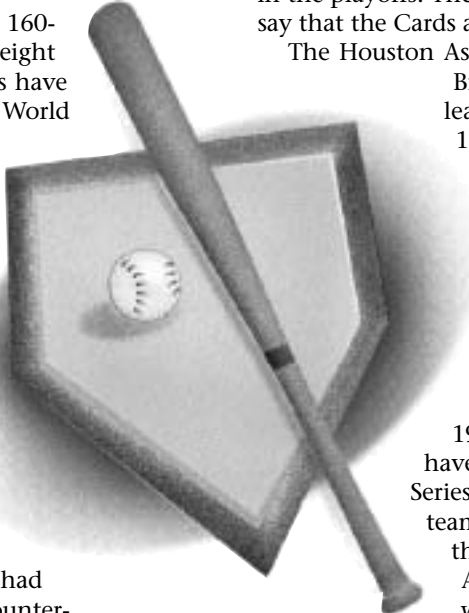
Who is headed to the World Series?

Kristin Herrick
The Cheese

With the regular season’s 160-plus games behind them, eight Major League Baseball teams have begun their quest for the World Series title with the Division Series, aka the first round.

Since the White Sox haven’t won the World Series in nearly 90 years, Chicago’s current run for the series is being compared to that of last year’s champs, the Boston Red Sox, who, ironically enough, they are playing in the first round. At the writing of this week’s Bottom Line, the White Sox had already crushed their red counterparts 14–2 in game one and were up by one run at the bottom of the seventh in game two. With no curse holding them back they could be a legitimate contender — too bad history usually repeats itself.

St. Louis won the most games in regular season play and has, once again as of this writing,



beat San Diego, 8–5 in game one. The Padres have won the least number of games of any team in the playoffs. The Cheese thinks she can safely say that the Cards are going to wrap this one up.

The Houston Astros shined brightly over the Braves in game one of national league play, with a score of 10–5. Coming into the playoffs only one game behind Atlanta and one game ahead of Philly, Houston was lucky just to make it into the race but is now playing like they have something to prove.

Bottom Line: Since 1996, the New York Yankees have shown face in six World Series Championships. The only team to rival those numbers in the past decade and a half is Atlanta. I’m sure the Braves would love to avenge their 1999 series loss to the Yanks, and I would love to see it. There’s nothing like a little drama in the form of retaliation to suck in an audience. New York has the talent and Atlanta has the motivation so they’re my picks for World Series finalists, but like players, coaches and fans all agree on — the playoffs are unpredictable.

Sgt. Joseph A. Lee
The Sergeant

Is it October already? The Sergeant has been so busy with Fantasy Football and the upcoming release of his favorite video game sequel that he almost forgot to chit chat with everyone about what’s GOING to happen in Major League Baseball! For me, every division leader this year has a few problems, but all-in-all, we’re looking at the same basic teams making the trip to the World Series, with a few exceptions.

The Yankees are starting a pitcher the Royals let go (Darrell May), which is just ridiculous, but I still think they’ll pull it out. Boston already had their lucky year, and that’s all they were due for, so that filthy bunch might as well quit while they’re behind and go stand in line at the barber shop — welcome White Sox. This is called the “plaay—offs.” You want to try real hard here. St. Louis has made this trip a couple (four) times, but Tony La Russa has only bagged one series in St. Louis, so it’s possible they’ll make the trip one more time. I don’t think Houston has the scoring potential (don’t ask about game one, it was a fluke), so they’re going to lose to the Braves. Which is a sad inevitability in

itself, because if Atlanta does make it to the World Series, they’ll lose — for that, I feel bad, but they just never win.

Of course, The Sergeant must remind you all that the Yankees still have Gary Sheffield, Derek Jeter, super-cool A-Rod, inflatable Jason Giambi who has grown suspiciously large again, and Randy Johnson, who is 5-0 against the Red Sox this season, so even if the Red Sox do end up winning the division, I doubt they’ll make it past the Yanks — not this time.

As for the National League, you just can’t contest with 100 stinkin’ wins. The Cards are definitely winning the division, and like I said before, it would be a waste of Atlanta’s time to go to the World Series, but they’ll face St. Louis in the League Championship Series.

Bottom Line: The Red Sox aren’t going to the World Series again. David Ortiz might be able to weasel his way out of a traffic ticket with that smile, but it’s not getting the Red Sox into the Series. The Yankees will beat the White Sox in the American League Championships, and they’ll face the Cardinals, who just got done wiping the floor with Atlanta at the National League Championships. Once again, you heard it here first — New York Yankees against the St. Louis Cardinals.

Cheese (2–2)

Baltimore @ **Detroit**
Chicago @ Cleveland
Miami @ Buffalo
New England @ Atlanta
New Orleans @ **Green Bay**
Seattle @ **St. Louis**
Tampa Bay @ **N.Y. Jets**
Tennessee @ **Houston**
Indianapolis @ San Francisco
Carolina @ Arizona
Philadelphia @ Dallas
Washington @ **Denver**
Cincinnati @ Jacksonville
Pittsburgh @ **San Diego**

Green Bay almost pulled off their first win on Monday night and that near win will snowball into a victory. Testaverde is going to be at the helm to crack the Jets’ two-game losing streak. Monday night total score: : **54**

Week Five Picks

To play, clearly circle the teams you think are going to win. Drop your picks off in the Hawaii Marine office, Building 216, Room 19 by 4 p.m. today, or with the Building 216 duty by Saturday at midnight. The person who has the most correct picks will get to boast in the Hawaii Marine and fill us all in on the following week’s predictions. The closest to the total score for Monday Night’s game, without going over, will determine the winner in the event of a tie.

Tampa Bay @ N.Y. Jets	Baltimore @ Detroit
Tennessee @ Houston	Chicago @ Cleveland
Indianapolis @ San Francisco	Miami @ Buffalo
Carolina @ Arizona	New England @ Atlanta
Philadelphia @ Dallas	New Orleans @ Green Bay
Washington @ Denver	Seattle @ St. Louis
Cincinnati @ Jacksonville	Pittsburgh @ San Diego

Monday Night Tiebreaker (Pittsburgh @ San Diego): _____ points.

Sarge (2–2)

Baltimore @ Detroit
Chicago @ **Cleveland**
Miami @ **Buffalo**
New England @ Atlanta
New Orleans @ **Green Bay**
Seattle @ St. Louis
Tampa Bay @ N.Y. Jets
Tennessee @ **Houston**
Indianapolis @ San Francisco
Carolina @ Arizona
Philadelphia @ Dallas
Washington @ Denver
Cincinnati @ **Jacksonville**
Pittsburgh @ **San Diego**

The Sergeant is definitely going to watch the Jacksonville game Sunday night, but if there’s a single pick I feel most confident about, it’s Green Bay over New Orleans. As much as I hate Green Bay, it was funny the first three weeks: **48**

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Sergeant uses gridiron to create better players, people

Sgt. Leo A. Salinas
Headquarters Marine Corps

HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS, Washington — After a hard day's work as a career retention specialist at Headquarters Company, Henderson Hall, Sgt. William D. Johnson makes the transition from keeping Marines in the Corps to keeping children focused.

He carries a heavy load as the head coach for the Hawks of the Southern Maryland Youth Association football league — even though all his players are under the 65-pound weight limit.

But the load and the small sacrifices of time and money are worth it for Johnson, who says he has found a path of success in life through the game of football and wants to pass that on to the children he coaches.

Peewee pride

Johnson's journey into the game of football began in 1986. His small stature and lack of understanding didn't discourage him from joining a local peewee team.

Growing up in Paterson, N.J., there was not much to do, and football was a way to steer clear of trouble, he said. Plus, it didn't cost anything to play peewee football.

Johnson joined the Steelers, sponsored by a local soft drink company, but it took a "Bear" to teach him the values of the game.

"As a kid, my favorite player was Walter Payton," said Johnson. "I valued his work ethic."

The former Chicago Bears running back was known for his fluid style of running and hard hitting, but what interested Johnson about Payton was how he accomplished being the 2nd

all-time leading rusher and Hall of Fame inductee.

"I would watch his workout tapes and say to myself, 'He has the heart of a lion,'" said Johnson.

Johnson's father died before he could see his son play football. But Johnson had the memory of his father for motivation during the games. It was the only family he had while he played throughout high school and three years in college. His family never showed up to his games.

His dream of playing professionally was diminished with his own family responsibilities. He joined the Marine Corps to help support his family, but didn't know the classes he took while acquiring his associate's degree in elementary education would help with coaching children.

See *GRIDIRON*, C-5



Sgt. Leo A. Salinas
William D. Johnson, coach of the Hawks, keeps the children's motivation up after a difficult loss by using leadership traits he learned as a Marine.

GRIDIRON, From C-4

A lesson in life

On a cloudy Saturday afternoon, Johnson prepares his team for the third game of the season. The anticipation mounts around the players, and Johnson starts the slow walk to the field with his team behind him. And he’s nervous. “Oh yeah, I can’t wait for that first snap.” The players are not as nervous, and it’s recognizable on their faces. They joke and let their minds wander on everything except the upcoming football game. After all, the oldest player is only 9. Johnson uses traits learned in the Marine Corps to help manage the pint-sized players. Through discipline, teamwork and leadership, he hopes not only to make the kids better players but also better people. “I see little kids, and I think about my childhood,” said Johnson. “If I

can do something for them, it makes me feel good.” Win or lose, lessons are learned from all facets of the game. Players are not allowed to taunt and showboat after big plays. If teammates or opposing players get knocked down, they help them up. When his team loses, he teaches them to hold their heads high, learn from the game and use that knowledge to improve. “I want to win in my heart, but from a kid’s perspective, we teach them winning isn’t everything,” Johnson said. “Once you stop teaching, you stop caring.”

A future through a father figure

Johnson makes it clear to his player’s parents that he is charge on the field. “When the kids are practicing and playing, they belong to me,” said Johnson. “I’m responsible for them.”

After a day of a hard practice or grueling game, Johnson gives one player extra attention when he gets home — his son. Johnson introduced his son, O’Shun, to football when was 4. Johnson was playing in a local football league at Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., as his son participated in the pre-game stretches and warm-ups with the team. It was then that O’Shun’s dad noticed his curiosity of the game. He didn’t want to live his football dreams through his son, so he asked O’Shun if he wanted to play in a peewee league. O’Shun said, “Yes.” “He has me and his mom for support, and that will help him go a long way,” said Johnson. “I didn’t have that support as a kid.” That support has developed into a stronger bond between father and son. “One of the duties of a parent is

to be a teacher to their children,” said Latoya Johnson, William’s wife. “William is in a leadership position on the football field, and O’Shun is able to see his father as a leader.” He has encouraged his son to excel in the sport, but he lets O’Shun explore other avenues of interest as well. “If he left football, I’d be fine,” he said. “But he’s not just going to stay home; he’s going to stay active.” The lessons on the field are also making an impact at the home. “William has made it so easy for me to be the mother of a son, because he has taught him how to be very respectful and how to use good judgment when we aren’t around,” said Latoya. As Johnson is in his son’s corner, he will also be there for his other kids on the field. “Football is my number-one love,” he said. “And to be around kids at the same time, I love it.”



Sgt. Leo A. Salinas
Sgt. William D. Johnson (left) coaches O’Shun Brown, his son, during one of the Hawks’ games. Johnson keeps his son active in sports to teach him discipline, teamwork and leadership.



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee
Wallace (front) breaks up a touchdown pass.

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repeatedly fed halfback Edward Smith the ball for first down after first down. Smith pounded through the Bandits defensive line all the way to the 40-yard line, where Goss aired one out, intended for Washington in the end zone. Bandit cornerback Zach Augustine picked off the pass on the one-yard line, where Washington quickly wrapped him up.

The Bandits had a long road in front of them and couldn't manage to get out of their own red zone before they once again had to punt it away.

The Warriors went right back to Smith on their next drive, who didn't find much in the way of resistance from the Bandits defense, easily making gains of 6 to 8 yards every time he touched the ball. Once again, though, when the Warriors went to the air, all they found was fourth down and had to punt it from mid-field at the end of the first quarter.

"Our offensive line held solid tonight," said Goss after the game. "They were opening up holes for our running game and were

giving me all the pass protection I needed. We just couldn't make the big plays happen in the first half."

The Warriors again pinned the Bandits within their own 10 on the punt, but the Bandits' luck was about to change. A quarterback sneak and fumble turned into a 70-yard touchdown run for Calvin Wheelous, who caught the forward lateral from his falling quarterback, Chris Santiago. Bandits kicker Gabriel Mallery missed the extra point, and the score rested at 8-0, Bandits.

After the kick, time was running low on the clock, and the Warriors needed to put some points on the board. A couple short runs by Smith and a missed halfback option on fourth down gave MAG-24 the ball back in the red zone — but a bit of forward lateral karma awaited the Bandits. As MAG approached another score, Wheelous ran from the four-yard line and fumbled into the hands of Warrior David Borrego, who quickly shoveled the ball off to cornerback Harold Wallace who took the ball all the way down

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Pfc. Edward deBree
A Bandit defensive back (right) finds nothing to steal from Warriors halfback Edward Smith, who runs a successful play action for his quarterback, Gary Goss.



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Warriors quarterback Gary Goss looks for an open receiver as a Bandit linebacker rushes in.

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the field for a 70-yard touchdown. The attempted two-point conversion was unsuccessful, and the Bandits held on to the lead, 8-6.

Once again, the Bandits lost the ball just as soon as they possessed it after the kick, when free safety Gearold Provence picked off a pass, giving the Warriors excellent field position with only 45 seconds remaining in the first half. Headquarters Battalion moved the ball as far as they could and attempted a field goal with six seconds on the clock, but it went wide, and MAG retained the lead going into the half.

The Bandits were first to receive the ball in the second half and quickly struck with a touchdown pass, when Santiago made a connection with his wide receiver, Herman Adkins, to put the score at 14-6. Again, Mallery could not get the ball through the uprights, allowing Headquarters to stay within a touchdown and two-point conversion of the tie.

Headquarters got nowhere on the following drive, but MAG was just as frustrated, as they were plagued by false-start penalties one after the other, driving them farther and farther from the goal line. After their second false start, Santiago went deep, looking to put one in the end zone, but Wallace, the Warriors

cornerback, had different plans. He snagged the ball from the air on his own five-yard line, and with the heads-up blocking of the Headquarters Battalion defense to lead his way, Wallace returned the interception for a touchdown. The two points they needed were successfully converted by Goss on a keeper, and just like that — the game was tied, 14-14.

Still plagued by false starts, the Bandits were forced three and out on their possession to end the third quarter. When Mallery tried a fake punt, he found no receivers open, and the Bandits handed the Warriors the ball on the 10-yard line. It didn't take long before fullback Durante Jenkins was able to pound in the touchdown, making the score 21-14 after the kick through the uprights.

The Bandits couldn't keep away from the penalties and fumbles in their following drives, and the Warriors were now in control of the game. Running time off the clock with Smith and Jenkins, it didn't take long before the game was put into the books, with the comeback win going to Headquarters Battalion.

"We picked it up that extra notch that got us the win, and that's all there is to it," said Tolliver, after the game. "When we play our game and we're on our stuff, nobody can beat us. N — O — body!"



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Hawaii
MARINE
MVP

#1 – Harold Wallace

Position: Cornerback / Wide Receiver

Unit / Team: HQBN Warriors

Jersey Number: #1

Game Statistics: Four tackles, three broken-up passes, one interception, two touchdowns.

School: William T. Dwyer High School

Hometown: Riviera Beach, Fla.

Branch of Service: U.S. Navy

Accomplishments: All-Area Defensive Back, All-American Defensive Back, and an honorable mention as a wide receiver.

Quote: “We kept our heads in the game and didn’t let the fact that we were trailing get us down. We played harder, ran faster, and got it together.”

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